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SUBJ: PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT RAISES GASOLINE PRICE 13 PERCENT

REF: A) LUANDA 0596; B) LISBON 4099

1. FOLLOWING NEW RETAIL PETROLEUM PRODUCT PRICES (ANGOLAN  
ESCUDOS) FOR LUANDA ANNOUNCED NOV 13, EFFECTIVE NOV 14:

PRODUCT	OLD PRICE	NEW PRICE	INCREASE
GASOLINE	5.50/LITER	6.20/LITER	.70(12.7)
LPG BOTTLED	9.00/KG	9.30/KG	.30 (3.3)

BOTTLED LPG IMPORTED THROUGH PORTS OTHER THAN LUANDA WILL  
RETAIL AT 10.30/KG. INTERIOR GASOLINE PRICES WILL RISE  
0.70/LITER.

2. DISTRIBUTORS' PROFIT MARGINS REDUCED AS FOLLOWS:  
GASOLIN, .30/LITER; BULK LPG, .40/KG; BOTTLED LPG, .50/KG.

3. PRICE RISE FOR NOMINAL 90 OCTANE HERE IS 12.7 PERCENT,  
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COMPARED TO 11.9 PERCENT AND 10.5 PERCENT IN METROPOLE

(98 AND 85 OCTANE RESPECTIVELY).

4. NEW ANGOLAN RETAIL GASOLINE PRICE IN DOLLARS/GALLON AT 11/14 OFFICIAL CABLE EXCHANGE RATE OF ESC.24.813 TO\$1.00 IS \$0.946. (ANY COMPARISON WITH OTHER COUNTRIES' PRICES SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT HIGHLY NOMINAL NATURE OCTANE RATING LOCAL PRODUCT. ACTUAL RATING VARIES BY REFINERY BATCH FROM WELL BELOW 85 TO, ON HAPPY OCCASION, 90.)

5. COMMENT: INDIVIDUAL LOCAL REACTION TO PRICE CHANGES MUTED. ANGOLANS WELL AWARE THUS FAR THEY HAVE FARED BETTER THAN METROPOLE IN THREE RESPECTS: A) NO RATIONING; B) RETAIL GASOLINE PRICE STILL SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN METROPOLE; C) NO PRICE RISE FOR DIESEL FUEL. ALTHOUGH LOCAL PRESS CARRIED NEW METROPOLE PRICES, FEW INDIVIDUALS HAVE NOTICED HIGHER PERCENTAGE HIKE FOR ANGOLA.  
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